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## **GLORIA MOLINA TO BEGIN GROUNDBREAKING ON GRAND AVENUE CIVIC PARK IN DOWNTOWN L.A.**

### **12.5-Acre, \$56 Million Park to Stretch from City Hall to The Music Center**

LOS ANGELES (July 14, 2010)—Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Gloria Molina and others will begin groundbreaking on the Grand Avenue Civic Park in downtown Los Angeles tomorrow at 9 a.m. at the county Hall of Administration courtyard adjacent to the Arthur J. Will Memorial Fountain, which will be shut down by a giant valve during the ceremony to symbolize the start of park construction.

**WHO:** **Gloria Molina, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair**

Jan Perry, Los Angeles City Councilwoman  
Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles  
Nelson Rising, Chair of the Grand Avenue Committee  
Eli Broad, Founding Co-Chair of the Grand Avenue Committee  
William A. Witte, President of Related California

**WHAT:** Grand Avenue Civic Park Groundbreaking Ceremony

**WHEN:** **Thursday, July 15, 2010 at 9 a.m.**

**WHERE:** Hall of Administration—Courtyard  
500 W. Temple St.  
Los Angeles, California 90012

**BACKGROUND:** Work starts this month to create a new Civic Park in downtown L.A.! The 12.5-acre, \$56 million park will stretch from City Hall to the Music Center, with Temple St. and First St. bordering the park on its northern and southern sides. The park will feature a large lawn immediately outside City Hall for large performances and festivals. But it also will include smaller lawns, gardens, and groves designed for more intimate gatherings. A three-quarter mile promenade loop will encircle the entire park—and smaller walking paths will meander through magnificent garden settings. Additional amenities include new lighting, restrooms, and multilingual directional signage. The park is actually part of a larger transformation taking place at the Civic Center. It began with the opening of Disney Hall in 2003 (designed by the renowned Frank Gehry) which has become an L.A. icon. It will culminate in several years when two new Gehry-designed skyscrapers open adjacent to Disney Hall and the new Civic Park.

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